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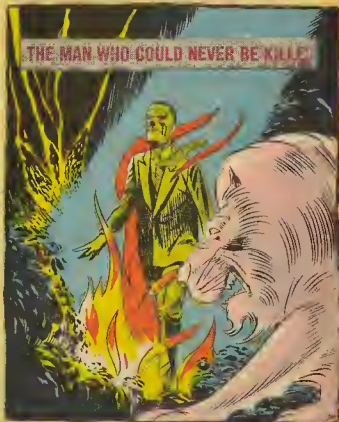
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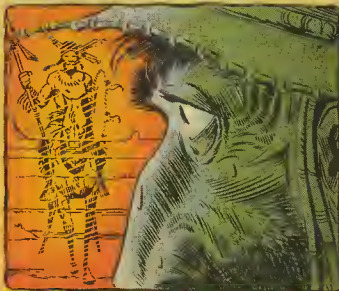
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THE MAN WHO COULD NEVER BE KILLED



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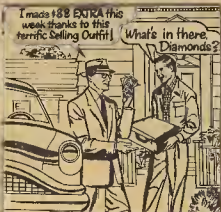
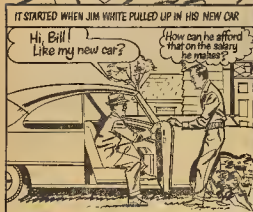
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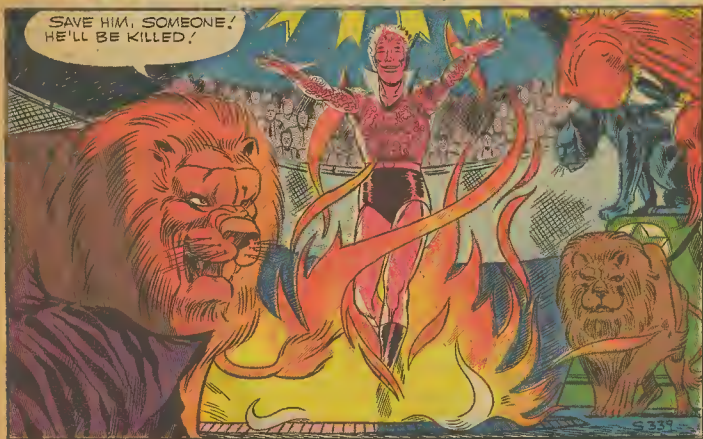


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WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW A MAN WHO COULD LIVE FOREVER? WOULD YOU TRY TO FIND OUT WHO HE WAS -- AND WHAT HE WAS? COME ALONG AND SEE FOR YOURSELF WHAT HAPPENED TO ...

The MAN WHO COULD NEVER BE KILLED



THE CROWD ROSE TO ITS FEET, SHRIEKING WITH HORROR! BUT...

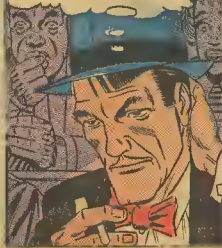
IN THE CROWD WAS TOM BLAKE, A REPORTER FOR THE CITY PAPER...

AFTER THE CROWD LEFT...

THERE YOU ARE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN -- THE INVINCIBLE INVULNERNO! CAN'T BE TOUCHED BY FIRE OR BEAST!

HE'S ALIVE! THAT'S A TERRIFIC TRICK!

HOW DOES HE DO IT? NO ONE HAD TIME TO TAKE ANY MIRRORS AWAY -- OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT! GUESS I'LL ASK HIM MYSELF!

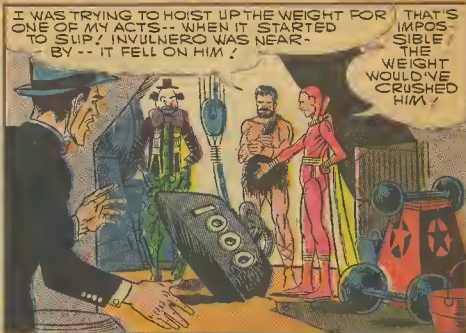


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SUDDENLY...



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IT CAME FROM OVER THERE!

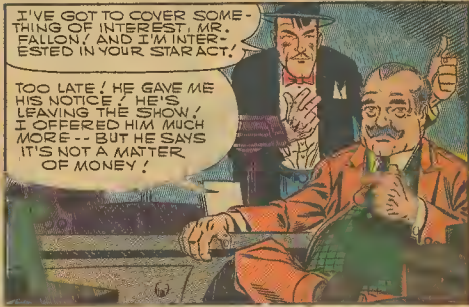


SO A FEW MINUTES LATER IN THE MANAGER'S OFFICE..



HE CAUGHT IT, I TELL YOU! EITHER THAT OR HE ISN'T HUMAN!

WHO IS THIS GUY INVULNERO ANYWAY?



I'VE GOT TO COVER SOMETHING OF INTEREST, MR. FALLON, AND I'M INTERESTED IN YOUR STACT.

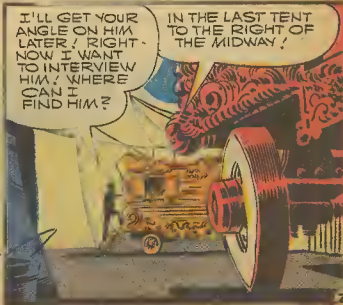
TOO LATE! HE GAVE ME HIS NOTICE! HE'S LEAVING THE SHOW! I OFFERED HIM MUCH MORE-- BUT HE SAYS IT'S NOT A MATTER OF MONEY!



HOW DID HE COME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE? HAVE YOU KNOWN HIM LONG?

NO! NONE OF US HAVE! HE KEEPS MOSTLY TO HIMSELF! BUT I CAN TELL YOU THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIM PEOPLE LIKE!

SENSING AN UNUSUAL STORY, BLAKE WASTED NO TIME...



I'LL GET YOUR ANGLE ON HIM LATER, RIGHT. NOW I WANT TO INTERVIEW HIM! WHERE CAN I FIND HIM?

IN THE LAST TENT TO THE RIGHT OF THE MIDWAY!

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THE YOUNG REPORTER WAS LUCKY... FOR INSIDE HIS TENT WAS...

INVULNERO -- AND DOZENS OF CIRCUS ANIMALS LYING NEAR HIM.

COME IN, THEY WON'T HARM YOU. WHAT IS IT YOU WISH?



BLAKE SOON MADE KNOWN HIS ERRAND...

...SO IF YOU CAN TELL ME ABOUT YOUR-SELF, I'LL WRITE YOU UP.

THERE'S NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT ME! I'M WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL... AN OBSERVER OF LIFE!



WHAT KIND OF CRAZY ANSWER IS THAT? WHO IS THIS BIRD ANYHOW?

I SUPPOSE YOU THINK ME ODD FOR ANSWERING LIKE THAT, BUT MAN AND BEAST ARE MY FRIENDS, AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE ALL PART OF A PATTERN OF LIFE!



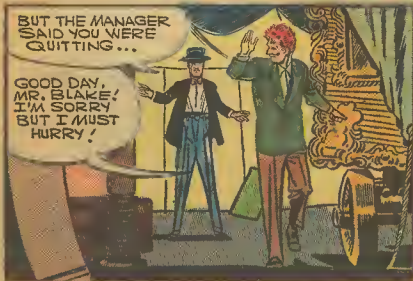
UH... YES! NOW TELL ME ABOUT YOUR-SELF, MR. INVULNERO.

I'M VERY TIRED, WHY DON'T YOU ASK ME TO-MORROW? I HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT TO KEEP!

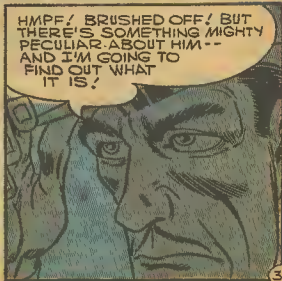


BUT THE MANAGER SAID YOU WERE QUITTING...

GOOD DAY, MR. BLAKE! I'M SORRY BUT I MUST HURRY!



HMPF! BRUSHED OFF! BUT THERE'S SOMETHING MIGHTY PECULIAR ABOUT HIM-- AND I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!



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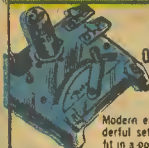
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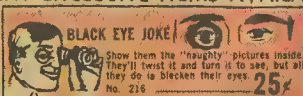
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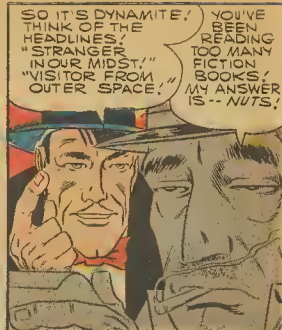
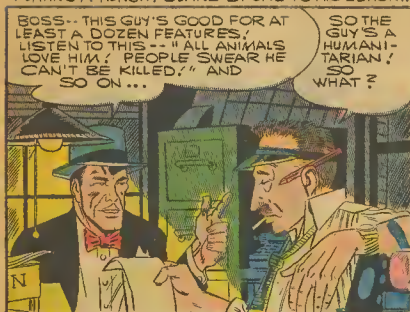
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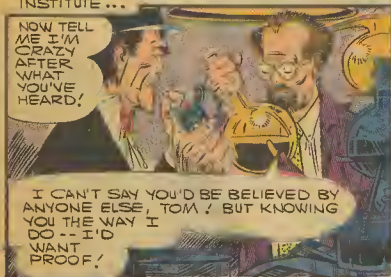
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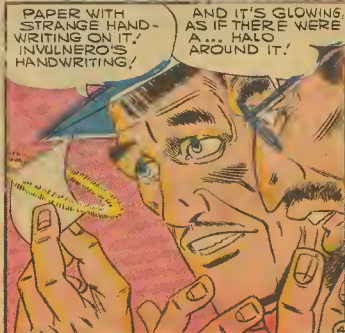
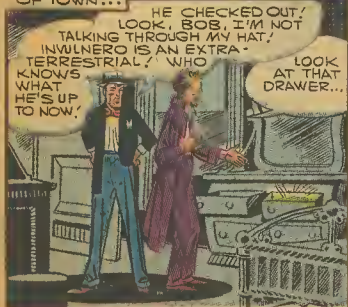
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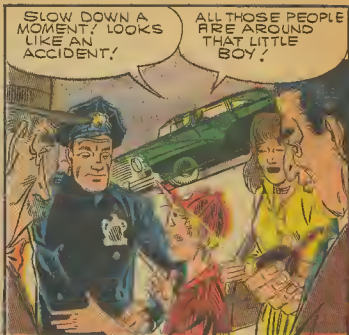
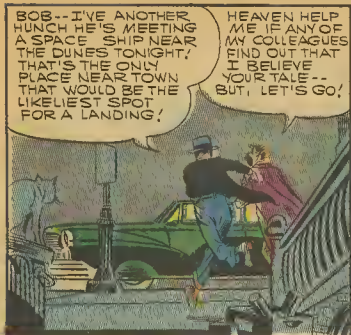
BUT BLAKE WAS DETERMINED TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH; HE CALLED ON A CLOSE FRIEND, DOCTOR PEARSON OF THE SCIENCE INSTITUTE...



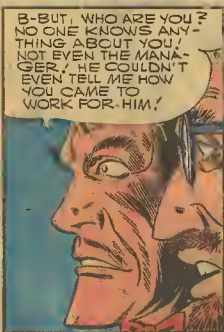
MINUTES LATER, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN...



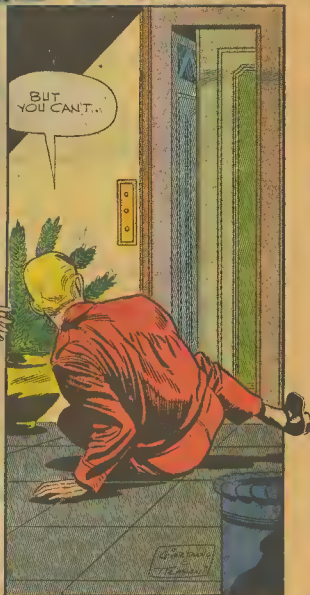
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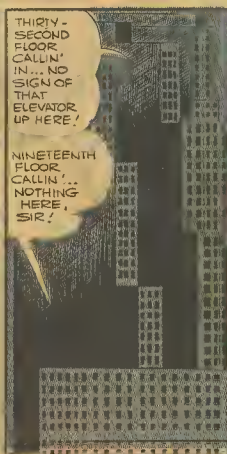
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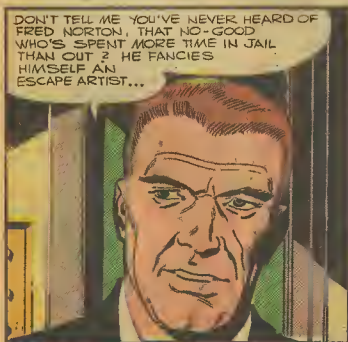
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LAST SEEN ENTERING
AN ELEVATOR!



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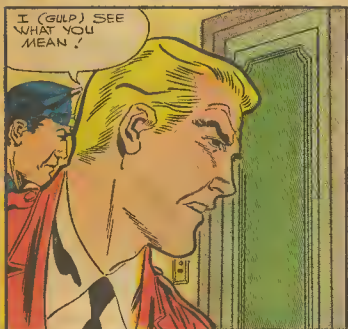
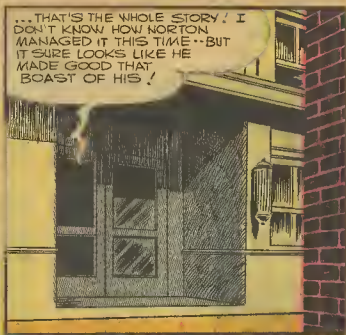
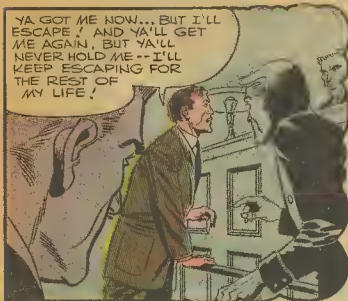


"...AND THE FACT IS THAT HE'S MANAGED TO WIGGLE OUT OF PLACES THAT NOBODY HAD EVER ESCAPED FROM BEFORE..."



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// THE LAST TIME WE NABBED HIM, HE BOASTED RIGHT TO OUR FACES!...



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TH- THE EMERGENCY BUTTON DON'T
WORK ! HEY ! WH- WHAT'S GOIN'
ON ... HERE ?



AND THEN NORTON HEARS A COLD VOICE
GRIMLY INSIDE OF HIM...

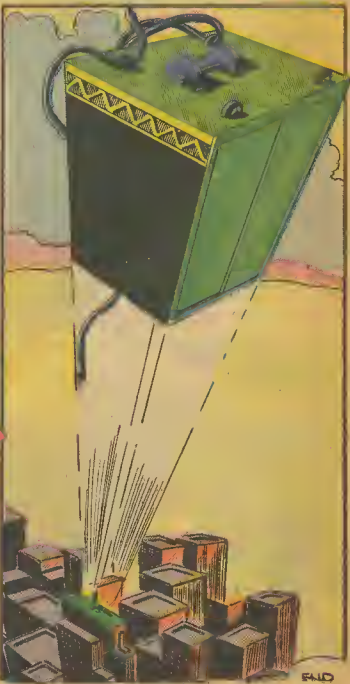
YOU ARE
EVIL...



... BUT YOUR WISH SHALL BE GRANTED !
WAS NOT YOUR WISH THAT YOU
SHOULD KEEP ESCAPING FOR
THE REST OF YOUR LIFE ?



... SO WHY DO YOU
CRINGE NOW ? WHY
DO YOU SCREAM
AT THE PROSPECT
OF YOUR WISH
COMING TRUE ?



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MONEY BACK GUARANTEE!

"FOREST FIRE FIGHTER"

John Paramus brought his car to a full stop on the side of the large steel ranger tower. He opened the door of the car and then spoke to his bride, Ethel.

"We promised Tom we would stop over on our way home. He and his wife won't be able to say we broke our promise. Nice and peaceful out here away from all the comforts of civilization."

Ethel followed her husband over to a box which contained a phone. John pressed a button and then there was a brief conversation.

"He's sending down the cable car for us. Doesn't want us to walk up the staircase. Look at that little car coming down for us."

It took five minutes for the small cable car to descend to the bottom of the observation tower. John and Ethel opened a metal door and then entered. There was a small sign with directions on how to operate the car. They reached the top of the observation tower and were greeted by Tom Pressman and his wife, Heler.

"You both must stay over," said Helen. "We even have a guest room. Come in with me, Ethel, and I'll show you my new modern kitchen — all electric. We have our own generator run by a kerosene motor. Let the men alone. They probably have a lot of things they want to discuss."

Tom Pressman was a tall heavy set man with black thick hair. His broad shoulders and tanned skin told you at once he was the outdoor type of man. John Paramus was small, thin and had a high forehead. He looked definitely the indoor type. On a quizz program in which the theme was Guess-my-Occupation, he stumped the experts. Net result was a nice new set of luggage as a prize.

"Long time no see," John remarked. "So how do you like being set up here in the middle of nowhere?"

"Helen does get lonely," admitted Tom. "We stay here for five more months. Then I do some

research on forestry at the state university for a year. Come on into our observation room and let me show you the latest equipment we have in spotting fires."

John followed his friend to a large room on the left of the living room. The observation room had to be reached by climbing a flight of stairs. It was actually built upon the roof of the living quarters. The room was round and built of shatter proof glass.

"There you see my radio-phone," explained Tom. I can contact Parsonville, which is sixty miles from here and get a phone hookup with any place in the country. And I also can get in touch with all other ranger outfits in the state. The Simpson Wood Company has its own private forest fire fighting station twenty miles from here. There are two telescopes. We can spot a fire at once and then pin-point it on the map you see across the desk. Should a fire start at night, there is a new radar-electronic smoke detector. Just now we are in what the rangers call the dangerous season. We haven't had rain for the past eighteen days. Much of the underbrush is dry. A careless cigarette and you would get a fire that could get out of control. Especially since the wind velocity is twenty-two miles an hour and increasing steadily."

"What about equipment to fight the fire?" asked John. "Where do you keep it?"

"Those two large buildings to the left of the tower house a small plane and three jeeps. We have also chemical fire extinguishers and four asbestos suits. There's a pilot at Parsonville who can fly the plane. A county wide signal system goes into effect and about fifty to a hundred volunteers meet here. Other men meet at different assigned points and start backfiring at once. Well, that's enough now. Come on down and we'll have lunch together."

Helen Pressman had prepared a quick and hearty lunch. The four sat down and ate. Helen had a lot of questions to ask.

"Where did you spend your honeymoon? Going to buy your own house when you get back to the city? How's your parents, Ethel?"

"If our guests have to answer all your questions, they won't have much time to eat," protested Tom. "So let's eat first and then have the question and answer period later."

That idea seemed agreeable. They had just finished eating the apple pie when a gong sounded.

"The electronic device is set while we aren't upstairs," commented Tom. "You women stay here. Follow me, John. We'll see what it is and where."

The small fire was pinpointed at a distance of twenty-six miles northeast of the ranger tower. Tom immediately sent in an emergency call to Parsonville. The news he received in return was alarming.

"There's a group of twenty college students out there. They may be trapped by the fire. One of those students is the son of Henry Grossman, owner of the Simpson Wood Company. He has already sent his crews into action. He's coming over here with some of his men to get our equipment. By the time we are down on the ground and have the equipment ready, they will be here."

The increasing wind began to fan the fire. Henry Grossman and his men arrived. The famous lumber man had some bad news to relate.

"Ferguson, the pilot, is in the hospital with a broken leg and we are trying to get another pilot. I'll go in with my men from this side."

"I can fly any plane," announced John. "What do you want me to do."

"Fly low at tree top level. Drop carbon dioxide bombs and try to keep the flames hedged in if possible."

The plane was wheeled out. By this time Helen and Ethel were down on ground level from the observation tower. Henry Grossman spoke to Ethel.

"I don't know if your husband realizes how dangerous this flying is. One little miscalculation and he'll smash into a tree. I want to save the students trapped inside, but I can't ask a stranger to risk his life for the work."

"He'll do it and succeed," replied Ethel. "I know my husband."

She kissed him farewell just before he got into the cockpit of the small plane. It taxied on a rough runaway and gained altitude. Then into the direction of the increasing fire.

By the time the plane returned, there were hundreds of volunteers fighting the ever-spreading

fire. John had some reassuring news for the lumber man.

"The students are safe. I got them to wade out into a stream. Your son sends his regards. Doesn't want you to worry."

There were puzzled looks on the faces of the hearers. Henry Grossman asked the natural question.

"How could you speak to my son?"

"I landed the plane on a small strip of land. Spoke to all the students. Told them they were safe as long as they remained in that spot."

It seemed incredible and yet they believed what John said. He had another suggestion to make.

"Give me an asbestos suit and take a large can of fuel oil. I can run a jeep along side the narrow stream, cross over and drop oil. Set it ablaze. With the wind blowing now, you will have a large backfire strip."

"And you will be trapped in that area," pointed out Henry Grossman. "You did enough for the day."

But talking could not stop John. Half an hour later he and his jeep were somewhere inside the burning smoldering area.

"You shouldn't have let him try this," half protested the lumber man to Ethel.

"He'll do it and succeed," again replied Ethel. "I know my husband."

Three hours later a tired John returned. With him were a dozen volunteer fire fighters and all the students.

"That fellow is wonderful," complimented Mike Tuner, a ranger. "The fire is under control and dying down. The way he spread the blazing oil to create a backfire is something for the movies. Ought to make a picture of this."

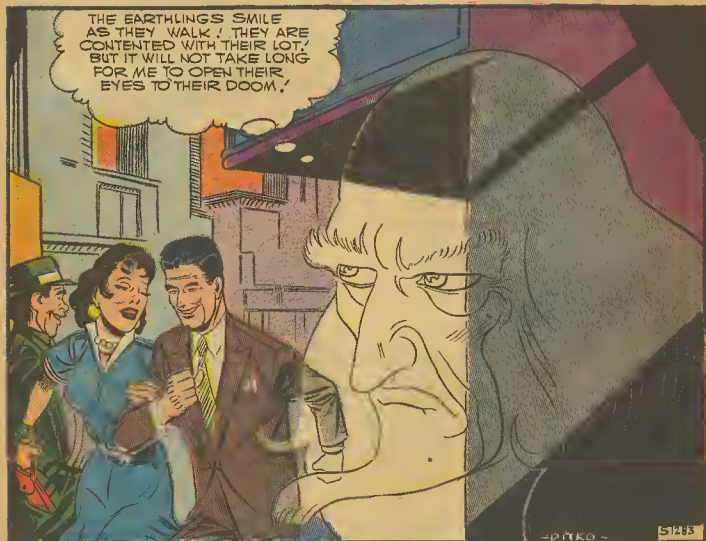
"They did," interrupted the laughing voice of Tom Pressman. "John Paramus is none other than the movie stunt man, Bill Borgon. You'll see him in a movie about the life of a lumber man. He used the same stunts in movie land that he used here. I'm ashamed to tell you that I thought it was all wrong in the movies, but it worked. Wait till the papers get this story. What it will do to the movies! Make it the season's biggest hit."

When Ethel had finished kissing her husband, the lumber man had one final word.

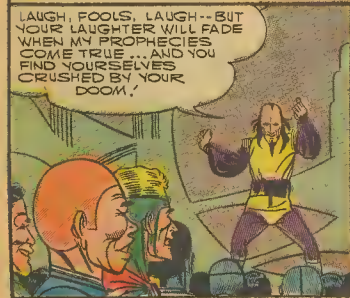
"Any time you want to quit the movies and work for me, you name your own ticket."

The End

THE GLOOMY ONE



ON HIS OWN PLANET HE HAD BEEN KNOWN AS THE GLOOMY ONE...



THROUGH ALL HIS WAKING HOURS, HE HAD THUNDERED THE DETAILS OF HIS MORBID VISIONS...

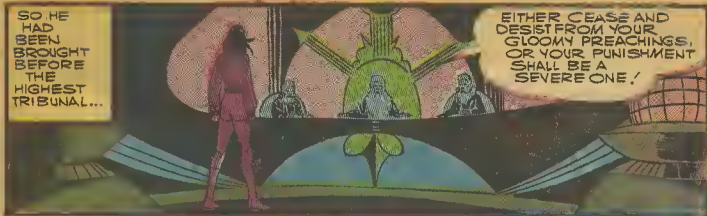
THIS HAS GONE ON TOO LONG! THE GLOOMY ONE HAS BEGUN TO INFECT THE PEOPLE!

SMILES ARE FADING-- NO LONGER IS LAUGHTER HEARD!



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SO HE
HAD
BEEN
BROUGHT
BEFORE
THE
HIGHEST
TRIBUNAL...

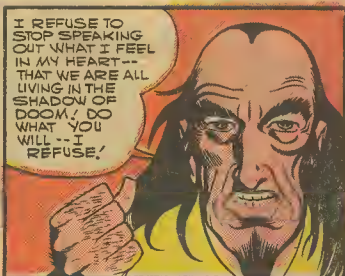


EITHER CEASE AND
DESIST FROM YOUR
GLOOMY PREACHINGS,
OR YOUR PUNISHMENT
SHALL BE A
SEVERE ONE!

BUFFOONS--WHAT ARE YOU
DEFENDING BY SILENCING
ME? INANE JOY... SENSE-
LESS LAUGHTER!



I REFUSE TO
STOP SPEAKING
OUT WHAT I FEEL
IN MY HEART--
THAT WE ARE ALL
LIVING IN THE
SHADOW OF
DOOM! DO
WHAT YOU
WILL --I
REFUSE!



HE IS INCORRIGIBLE!

HE SHALL
NEVER
CHANGE!



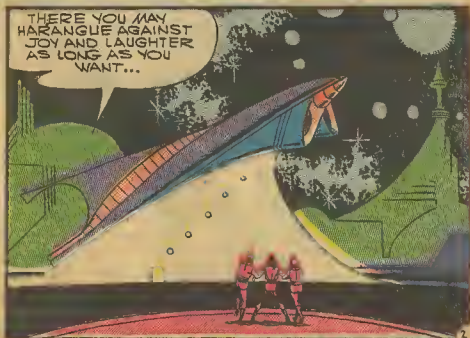
HE LEAVES
US NO
CHOICE!

WHERE
ARE THEY
TAKING
ME?

YOUR
SENTENCE
IS EXILE
TO OUTER
SPACE!

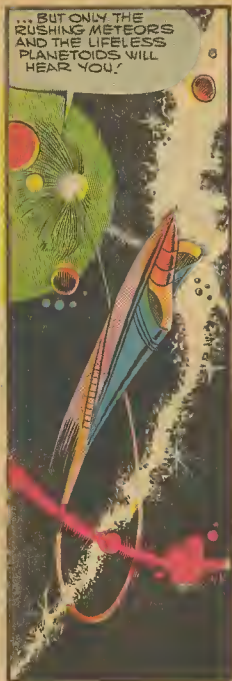


THERE YOU MAY
HARANGUE AGAINST
JOY AND LAUGHTER
AS LONG AS YOU
WANT...



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... BUT ONLY THE RUSHING METEORS AND THE LIFELESS PLANETIODS WILL HEAR YOU.



BUT THEY HAD BEEN MERCILESS! THEY HAD KNOWN HIM FOR THE CORRUPTING MENACE HE WAS ...



HE HAD FLOATED IN THE DARKNESS, SOBBING AND RANTING, AS THE CENTURIES HAD KEPT INCHING BY WITH INSUFFERABLE SLOWNESS...



BUT THEN, SUDDENLY...

I'VE ENTERED THE GRAVITATIONAL SPHERE OF A PLANET... I'M BEING PULLED DOWN!



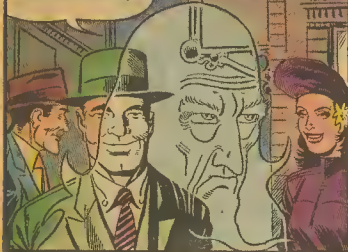
HE HAD LANDED ON EARTH! AFTER USING THE LAST FEW REMAINING OUNCES OF HIS STRENGTH TO RENDER HIMSELF INVISIBLE, HE HAD BEGUN DRAGGING HIMSELF ALONG THE STREETS, AND THEN THE OLD DESIRE TO COMBAT JOY AND LAUGHTER HAD RISEN AGAIN INSIDE OF HIM ...

THE EARTH-LINGS LAUGH-- BUT NOT FOR LONG!

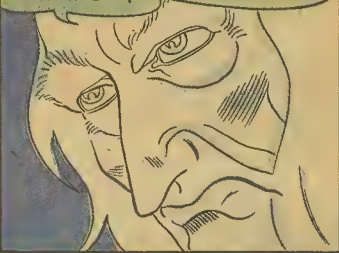


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IF I SPEAK TO THEM IN MY OWN FORM,
THEY WILL BE TOO FEARFUL TO LISTEN!
BUT I HAVE THE POWER TO
INSINUATE MYSELF INSIDE
ONE OF THE
EARTHINGS...



I MUST CHOOSE WISELY... I MUST FIND
ONE WHOSE TEMPERAMENT IS AKIN TO
MINE! FOR THERE IS NO SECOND
CHOICE! ONCE I AM INSIDE ANOTHER
FORM -- I MUST REMAIN INSIDE
UNTIL THE END!



THE FOOLS..
THEY ARE ALL
SMILING! BUT
THERE MUST BE
ONE AKIN TO
ME AMONG THEM..
JUST ONE...



BUT SUDDENLY...

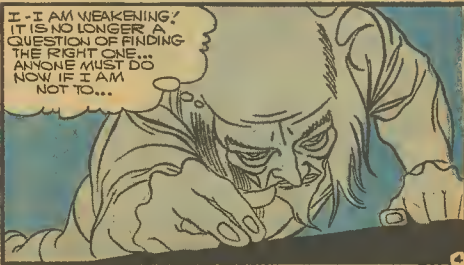
GASP!



I'VE WAITED TOO LONG! I AM
PHYSIOLOGICALLY UNSUITED TO
THE EARTH-HABITAT AS AN
INVISIBLE!



I - I AM WEAKENING!
IT IS NO LONGER A
QUESTION OF FINDING
THE RIGHT ONE...
ANYONE MUST DO
NOW IF I AM
NOT TO...





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IT TOOK A SPLIT-SECOND TO INSINUATE HIMSELF INSIDE...



AND ANOTHER SPLIT-SECOND TO FALL INTO THE DEEP SLEEP HE NEEDED TO REGAIN HIS STRENGTH.



AND SO IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE NEXT DAY THAT HE LEARNED WHAT HIS DOOM WAS TO BE INSIDE THE FORM WHERE HE HAD IMPRISONED HIMSELF -- AND WOULD HAVE TO STAY UNTIL THE END...



THAT LAUGHTER... THAT HIDEOUS LAUGHTER... WILL IT EVER STOP? WHAT SORT OF MONSTER DID I CHOSE IN THE DARK?

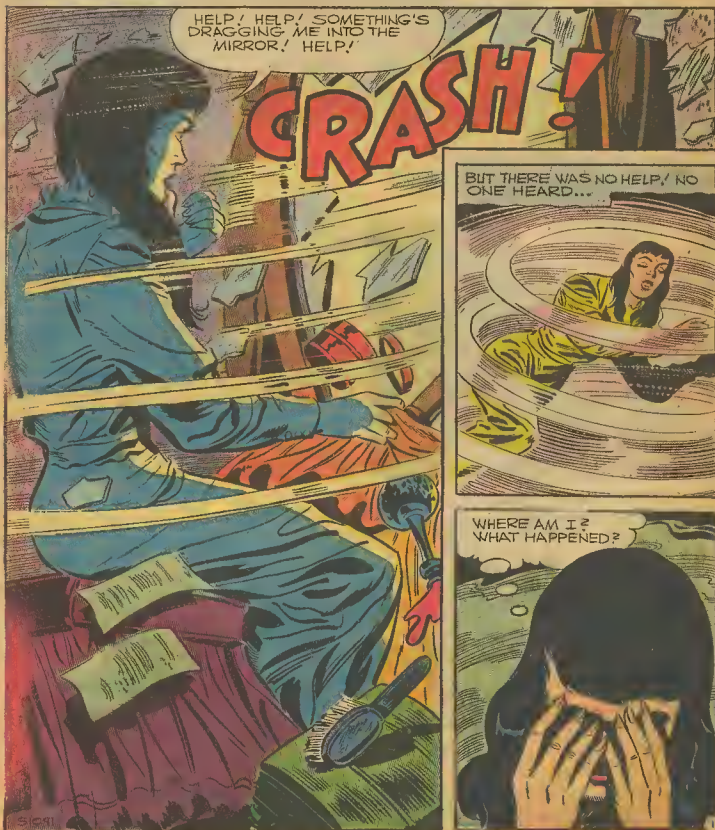


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MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL...

NO ONE CAN EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIOUS FORCES THAT OPERATE TO PUNISH AND REWARD PEOPLE! TAKE THE CASE OF THE STILL BEAUTIFUL, VAIN MRS. FLORADELL WELTON! A MOMENT AGO SHE HAD BEEN ABSORBED IN THE PROBLEM OF PRESERVING HER FADING BEAUTY WHEN SUDDENLY...



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I WONDER---YES, I'M SURE THAT'S IT! IT'S BECAUSE OF...



"FREDERICK, THE BEAUTICIAN, AND HIS CREAM! ALICE TOLD ME ABOUT IT..."

IT'S SIMPLY MARVELOUS! ONE APPLICATION OF HIS CREAM MAKES EVERY ONE A RAVING BEAUTY!



...AND IT'S FREE!

FREE? HOW WONDERFUL! I'M GOING THERE RIGHT AWAY!



OUT OF MY WAY, PLEASE! I'M IN A HURRY!



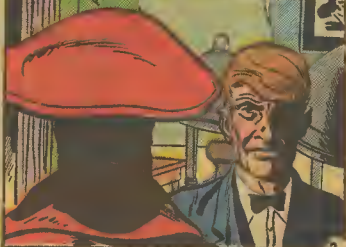
YOU'RE FREDERICK, I KNOW! I WANT A JAR OF YOUR BEAUTY CREAM!

THERE'S NO POINT IN WAITING! I WON'T LET YOU HAVE ANY!

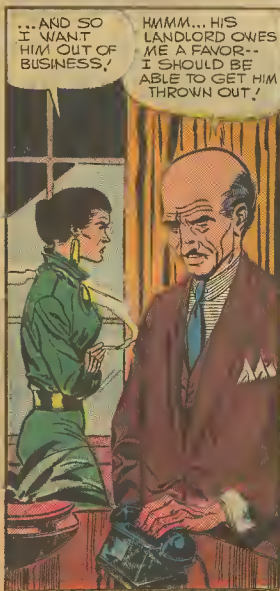
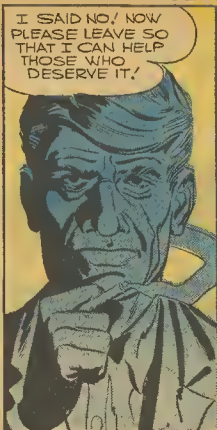


I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND--I'M MRS. WELTON...

I KNOW--AND I SAID YOU CANNOT HAVE ANY!



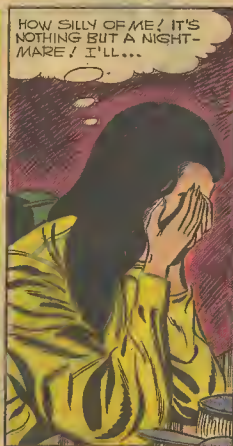
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THREE OUTLAWS HAD HELD UP A FRONTIER BANK! LOADED WITH LOOT, THEY GALLOPED OUT OF TOWN! WITHIN MINUTES A POSSE WAS RIDING IN PURSUIT! ALL NIGHT THE OUTLAWS FORCED THEIR HORSES ON AND NOW, AS DAWN BROKE OVER THE WESTERN HILLS, THEY COULD HEAR THE HAMMERING HOOF OF THE LAW COMING CLOSER-- EVER CLOSER-- BRINGING....

DESERT JUSTICE



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WHOA, MEN!
LET 'EM UP!

YO'RE RIGHT, SHERIFF!
NOBODY EVER CROSSED
THAT DESERT AND LIVED--
EXCEPT INDIANS!



THE HOURS DRAG, THE POSSE IS FAR BEHIND,
AND THE BURNING HEAT OF THE DESERT
CLOSES IN...

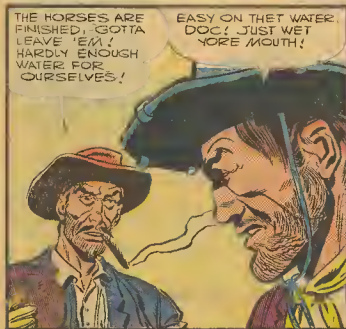
THE HEAT--IT'S
AWFUL! WE'LL
NEVER MAKE
IT!

WE GOTTA
MAKE IT!
C'MON!



THE HORSES ARE
FINISHED, GOTTA
LEAVE 'EM!
HARDY ENOUGH
WATER FOR
OURSELVES!

EASY ON THET WATER,
DOC! JUST WET
YORE MOUTH!



YOU CRAZY
GALOOT! GIVE
ME THAT
CANTEEN!

NO! NO! I NEED
IT! I NEED IT!



IT'S EMPTY! HE DRANK
ALL THE WATER! IT'S
ALL GONE!



YOU LOWDOWN COYOTE!
I'M GONNA
GET YOU...

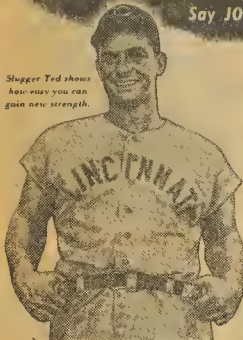
NO, DON'T DO
IT, BRAZO!
DON'T LOSE
YORE HEAD!



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Joe Louis



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- Nervous
- Rundown
- Skinny
- Fat and Flabby
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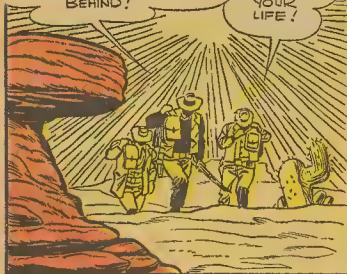
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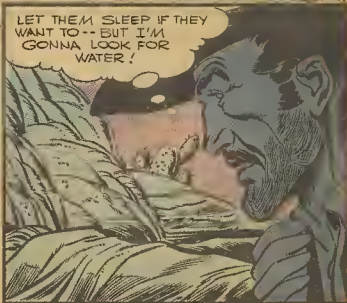
WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT,
DRAGGIN' THESE SADDLE
BAGS! PLEASE, BRAZOS...
LET'S LEAVE 'EM
BEHIND!

LEAVE ALL
THIS
MONEY?
NOT ON
YOUR
LIFE!



THE AFTERNOON WANES AND NIGHT SPREADS
ITS COOLING MANTLE ACROSS THE DESERT.

LET THEM SLEEP IF THEY
WANT TO-- BUT I'M
GONNA LOOK FOR
WATER!



THE NEXT MORNING...

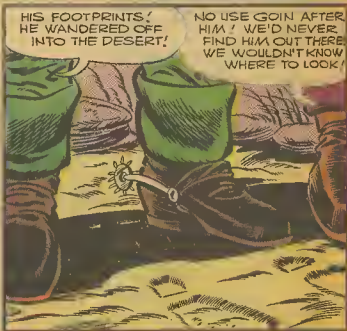
WE NEEDED THAT
SLEEP! O'MON,
BOYS-- LET'S
GET GOIN'!

DOC! WHERE'S
DOC? HE'S
GONE!



HIS FOOTPRINTS!
HE WANDERED OFF
INTO THE DESERT!

NO USE GOIN AFTER
HIM! WE'D NEVER
FIND HIM OUT THERE
WE WOULDN'T KNOW
WHERE TO LOOK!



ANOTHER DAY PASSES--THE SHIMMERING
HEAT IS A SUFFOCATING FOG...

THE SADDLE
BAGS-- GOTTA
LEAVE 'EM!

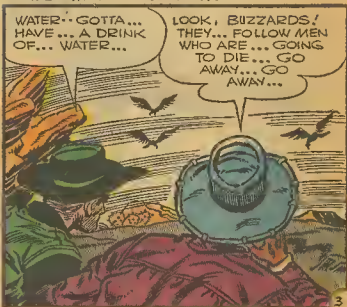
YEAH-- GOTTA LEAVE
ALL THAT MONEY BEHIND--
TOO HEAVY...



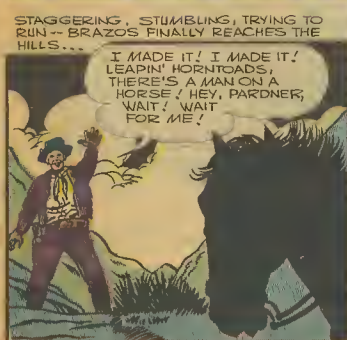
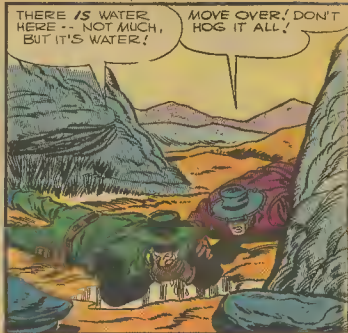
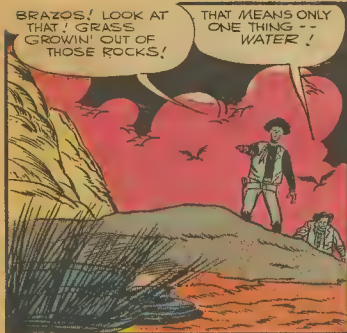
AS THE HOURS DRAG BY, THE HEAT BE-
COMES MORE INTENSE...

WATER-- GOTTA...
HAVE... A DRINK
OF... WATER...

LOOK, BUZZARDS!
THEY... FOLLOW MEN
WHO ARE... GOING
TO DIE... GO
AWAY... GO
AWAY...



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Rocketman

OUT OF THIS WORLD

SPACE STORIES OF THE FUTURE

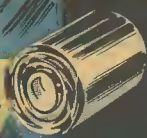
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Man."

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Almost Overnight

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- Nervous?
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